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NEW NOTE ON THIRD PARTY

One of the revelations in Mr. Robert Donavan's book on Dwight Eisenhower, and his first three years as President of the United States, is his revelation about President Eisenhower's third party tendencies.

The book reveals that Mr. Eisenhower seriously considered the formation of a third party in 1953. The President was so disgusted with some of the commitments, traditions and encumbrances of the old-line Republican Party that he seriously considered forming a third party to support the Eisenhower program.

This is somewhat in line with what Theodore Roosevelt did early in the century, when he formed the Bull Moose Party. Roosevelt failed to make his third party stick or to win election on the Bull Moose ticket, although he polled a very respectable vote.

As a result of the Donavan book's revelations about President Eisenhower's third-party considerations, some criticism has been heard concerning the President's loyalty to the party. However, we respect the views of any man who stands on sincere conviction.

Eventually, the United States may have more than two major political parties. It is not our belief that a third party movement could stick at the present time. It has been tried repeatedly, but to no avail.

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MEDALS FOR CONFEDERATE VETERANS

President Eisenhower recently signed a bill, which authorizes the awarding of special medals to four living veterans of the War Between the States.

There are four veterans of that war still surviving. Three of them are Confederates — John Sallisw, of Slant, Virginia; William A. Lundy, of Laurel Hill, Florida and Walter Williams, of Franklin, Texas. The lone Union veteran is Albert Woolson, of Duluth, Minnesota. All are more than 100 years old.

So far as we are concerned, the Federal Government can keep its medals. Or, award what they please to Mr. Woolson, the Union survivor. The Southern states sought to provide as best they could for their Confederate veterans in their midst, during the years when they were growing old and, in many cases, needed help. The Federal Government provided no pensions for needy Confederates. Now that they are beyond 100 years old and are down to three in number, we believe that the respective Southern states can provide any medals necessary. The Federal gesture, in the circumstances, is too little and too late.

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AUGUST

The flowers withered on their stems,
The leaves hung limp and wan,
Within the trees the wistful breeze
Whispered and was gone;
The sky reached down a sweating hand
And pressed upon the wearied land. —Anne Lawler.

The month of August is upon us, and after it has run its course, the year will be two-thirds over.

Perhaps the most dramatic date of our time, for which August is remembered, came on August 14th, 1945, when it was announced by President Truman that the Japanese had surrendered. This announcement ended World War II and meant the return home of most of twelve million Americans who had taken up arms in the fight against the Axis powers. Perhaps it was the biggest story of the era, unless the announcement of the German surrender, which was made May 8th, surpasses it in drama and significance.

Another important day for which August is remembered is that of August 3rd. On that day in 1492, Christobal Colon sailed from Palos, Spain, on his first voyage westward in search of a new route to China in the Far East.

Colon, who was later to be known as Christopher Columbus, reached the islands off the coast of the American continent in October, and while Columbus did not actually discover America, since several Europeans had preceded him to this continent, he actually opened up the trade routes and the colonization of North America.

On August 14th, 1900, an Army of 8,000 American, British, French, German and Japanese troops captured Peking, the Chinese capital. This sounds interesting in 1956, when it would probably take several hundred times that number of troops to do the job. That, however, was the time of the Boxers, who were committing outrages against foreign representatives in Peking.

On June 11, of 1900, the Chancellor of the Japanese legation in Peking and the German Ambassador were murdered in the streets. These outrages, plus others, induced the Western powers to send troops to the Far East, and the joint army, 8,000 strong, set out for Peking on August 4th, from Taku.

Another historical date Americans will long remember is August 19th, 1812. On that day, the American frigate, Constitution, fought a battle with the British frigate, Guerriere. The British had belittled the American fleet in the War of 1812, and had belittled the Constitution in particular.

On August 19th, Captain Isaac Hull, in command of the Constitution, met the British frigate Guerriere. In thirty minutes, he had reduced the British warship to a flaming wreck and had killed or wounded 300. He himself had suffered only thirty casualties. The Constitution's victory was a great boost to American morale, and a blow to British prestige on the seas.

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AND THINGS TO COME

Having listed above some of the events of the past of the month of August, it might be well to peek at what it foretells for the future. It is the last full month of school vacation, and summer recreation. In another few weeks, the football candidates will be making the headlines. But other candidates, too, for the major political parties will name their slates, and the pressure of a national presidential campaign will be on. The first hurricanes often come in August. State and county fairs begin and preparation is made for the final harvests. The first cold snaps will come, and the days will be obviously shorter, with the fall equinox at hand.

If you have not had that vacation trip, time is shortening, and plans for many an August date at the seashore have been spoiled by hurricane weather warnings.

In Virginia, citizens will be watching a special session of the General Assembly as a major event along with national conventions.

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Galax, Va. Celebrates Its 50th Year

Galax, the Virginia city that bears the name of a small, green leaf known to florists throughout the nation, will observe its 50th anniversary August 2-11.

A series of gala events to celebrate the occasion have been planned for the city's 5,500 inhabitants and their guests.

Activities include parades and a queen's coronation ball August 2, the Old Fiddlers and Banjo Pickers contest August 3 and 4, and Governor's Day, August 5.

In addition, there will be a pageant depicting the city's 50 years of progress, the Southwest Virginia Future Farmers Dairy and Beef Cattle Show, a beard-growing contest for the "Brothers of the Brush and Beard," along with a kangaroo court, an antique car parade, costumes and window displays featuring the early 1900's and tours of the city's many industrial plants.

Nestled 2,500 feet above the sea level in a valley near the southern crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Galax gained its early prominence after 1904 when the railroad came as the shipping point for a green leaves. The leaves, treated by a secret preserving process, are used in floral wreaths and decorative pieces. Prior to World War I, they often could be found on the banquet tables of European royalty.

Chartered in 1906, the town was made a city in 1954. Its population has more than doubled in the past 20 years and the once predominant Galax leaf has given way to agriculture and industrial development.

Galax now has six furniture factories, four hosiery mills, one weaving plant, four garment factories, two woodworking plants and the largest mirror factory in the nation.

The rolling hills, which mountain soldiers once roamed in search of the Galax leaf, now pasture dairy cattle and some of the state's finest breeder stock herds.

Galax lies between miles from the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway, the popular mountain highway which connects Shenandoah National Park with the Great Smokies National Park and provides tourists with miles of scenic driving through rustic mountain scenes.

MOUNTAIN LAKE KNOWN AS "JEWEL OF ALLEGHANIES"

Most folks refer to Mountain Lake as the "jewel of the Alleghanies." Cradled in the mountains of Giles County, some 4,000 feet above sea level, the attraction is considered one of the Old Dominion's top mountain resorts. Featuring hotel and cottage accomodations at reasonable rates, Mountain Lake has more than enough for leisure rest or for active recreation.

The beautiful Hotel Mountain Lake, built of stone and nestled in a quiet valley, resplendent with natural landscaping, offers the ideal vacation or week-end surroundings.

Anglers come from throughout the East to match their skill against the perch, bass and trout that abound in nearby Mountain Lake. Swimming in the sparkling lake waters provides another delightful experience.

The hotel features one of the highest golf courses near the Rockies, and the greens are kept in excellent condition and offer a challenge to the most accomplished golfer.

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INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK

A generally favorable industrial climate for the rest of 1956 has been forecast by the Commerce Department, which also noted that some soft spots are evident. Prospects for construction and aircraft industries are reported brighter and sales of consumer durable goods are expected to hold at last year's high level. An easing of activity in the steel, farm machinery and textile industries is predicted.

TRAFFIC TOLL

The traffic toll for the first five months of 1956 amounted to 14,720 or a nine per cent increase over the corresponding period of 1955, and a new record. May was the 15th straight month that traffic deaths showed an increase in comparison to corresponding months of the previous years. For the first four months of 1956, there was a six per cent increase in travel and a ten per cent increase in fatalities.

FOREST FIRES

The Forest Service, together with Mutnlaip Foundation, a nonprofit group, are studying ways of controlling — or preventing - bolts of lightning and violent hailstorms in areas where they can do heavy damage to persons or property. Lightning accounts for millions of dollars worth of damage to property each year, particularly in forest areas, which is estimated at $10,000,000 a year.

RECREATION LANDS

There are now 200,000,000 acres of Federally-owned parks, forests and other lands in the United States that are used for public recreation purposes. More and more vacationers are taking advantage of the excellent facilities provided in these areas.

FARM WORKERS

There were about 8,900,000 persons working on the farms of the nation as of the week of June 17-23, according to the Department of Agriculture.

EARLY MARRIAGES

Statisticians reveal that almost 70 per cent of the population 15 years old and older is married, about ten per cent above the figure fifteen years ago. The nation's married population now totals 81,750,000, which compares with 75,000,000 in 1950 and 60,250,000 in 1940. At present about half the men who marry do so before age 23, while for women the median age at first marriage is about 20.

DUST BOWLS

Conditions in the Western states, particularly Colorado, this season are "quite similar" to those during the Dust Bowl years of 1934 and 1939, according to the Agriculture Department. Drought conditions in previous years have magnified the situation this summer and crop estimates are far below figures reported during the past ten years.

THE 'KITTY HAWK'

The Navy's fifth supercarrier of the Forrestal class, to be built by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, at Camden, N. J., will be named "Kitty Hawk," honoring the North Carolina site where the Wright brothers made their flight in a heavier-than-air machine.

FHA

The Federal Housing Administration will soon celebrate its twentieth anniversary. It was in August, 1934, that the first insured loan — for $125 — was granted to John P. Powers, of Cloquet, Minn., who used it to paint his house, repair the roof and install a water tank.

CONSUMER'S BILLS

Outstanding consumer debt is climbing month after month, and an unofficial estimate puts the increase during May at $300,000,000, just about the same as that of April. The grand total of outstanding consumer debt is 336,200,000, compared with the $31,568,000,000 at the end of May last year.

Rocks

Rocks, July 30.- It was quite hot here Sunday.

Toby Inge fell last Monday, and broke a few ribs.

A few from here attended the Virginia Baptist Assembly at Eagle Eyrie one Saturday recently.

Allen Franklin had charge of the Prayer Service on Wednesday night.

Harry Eugene Ranson is spending this week at 4-H Camp at Holiday Lake.

Mrs. O. L. Payne, of Richmond, spent Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder. That night Mr. and Mrs. James Ryan and children, of near Madisonville, called in the same home.

Quite a few of the Home Demonstration Club members and their families enjoyed the picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Almond, of Middlebin, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Jennie Almond.

We are sorry Mr. and Mrs. Hunter F. Martin are still on the sick list. We wish for them a speedy recovery.

Mrs. D. W. Dinkins, of Lynchburg and Miss Gertrude Ranson, of Appomattox were in the neighborhood Sunday.

Dr. Twyman Williams, of Appomattox was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and family Sunday.

Andra Ranson, who has been spending awhile with her grandmother, Mrs. Maude Ranson, has returned to her home in Norfolk.

Preaching service will be held here Sunday morning at 11 A. M.

Quite a few of the men met to do some work on the church yard last Saturday morning.

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Oakville

Oakville, July 31.- Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr., and boys left Monday morning on their vacation. They plan to visit Washington, Eastern Shore and Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Martin, of Alexandria, spent Monday and Tuesday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarke Moore.

Miss Sue Moore, Jessie Coleman, Georgia Cheatham and Clyde Cabbell spent Sunday in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Dahlgren and boys, Jimmy and Michael, Dahlgren spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr., as their dinner guests Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Sr., and Mrs. Wesley Coleman, Mr. Mrs. Clarke Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams and family, Forest; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Martin and Mrs. Herbert Richardson, Mrs. Jo and Bill, and Miss Jean Harvey.

The M. Y. F. of Mt. Carmel Church had a buffet supper in the social room of the church Friday night, with a large attendance.

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No Hope For South In GOP Party, Says Abbitt

(Editor's note: We publish below the major portion of the keynote address of Representative Watkins M. Abbitt, of Appomattox, to the Virginia Democratic Convention (Richmond last Friday:).

It count it a high honor and a great privilege as well as a real pleasure for me to be here today to speak briefly to the Democrats of Virginia. It is always a pleasure to be with real Virginia Democrats. Here in Virginia, the Democratic party was bred and nurtured. Virginia is the cradle of Democracy. In my opinion, the Democrats of Virginia have kept the faith of our founding fathers. I am proud of the heritage that we in Virginia have. Virginians can be proud of the record of our Democratic Party in its accomplishments as well as its aims and ideals that have been shining light down through the ages. Our State Government has been a model for other states. We have had clean, honest, efficient government whose officials have been untarnished and unblemished by corruption or fraud.

In these trying times, and before you me these are trying times, we all that we think back and recall the principles of Democracy so that we might be guided in the future by the light of the experience of the past. The Democratic Party founded for the purpose of protecting the rights and privileges of the people as well as the sovereignty of the individual states. It was founded by that great Virginian, Thomas Jefferson, who realized the danger of the danger of forming a strong centralized government. Realizing the fanatical monstrosity if the rights of the people were to be preserved. He realized that the best government was the least governed. He saw as we know, that there is no thing as something for nothing; that money is handed out from Federal Treasury except and it has been first extracted from individuals who make up the great country of ours of some hundred sixty odd million souls. The Democratic Party has been the party of the masses, the party of the common people and every citizens as opposed to the party of business. I hope and trust we can keep the Democratic party on the right tract and headed in the right direction maintaining the principles upon which it was founded.

There are and have been political men who, in their desire and willingness to obtain political preferments are willing to change the entire philosophy of our government, and take the people the vassels of the government, the servant of the government rather than the government of the people. In the recent past, we have seen the arm of the Federal government attempt to strike down the liberties of the people, and freedoms which have wrought out for us by the sweat, blood and tears of those great patriots who have gone on before. * * * This legislation striked down the right of trial by jury. It does away with the sovereignty of our states. It takes from our individuals their right to be tried in the local courts. It sets up a small gestapo under the direction of an assistant attorney general who will be the political hatchet man of the administration in power. It allows our people to be dragged from the four corners of our country and brought before an agent of the Federal government without a charge being brought against them and without knowing who instigated the investigation. It is an iniquitous piece of legislation. It is one we would expect in a totalitarian government. It could well be the beginning of the end of our very way of life and of Democracy itself in this great country of ours if it ever becomes the law of the land. I say to you its main sponsor as of this moment is the present administration that told us in 1952 that they were running on a great platform of states rights.

"I say frankly to you Democratic men and women of Virginia, there is no hope for us in the Republican Party. * * * I tell you that the record of the Republican Administration in Washington has been a disappointment to those Virginia Democrats who believed in 1952 that the cause of sound government demanded that they leave the ranks of the National Democratic Party. The discrepancy between Republican promise and performance in Federal finances, resistance to socialistic experimentation and defense of the integrity of local government makes it plain to us that the present administration has been one of broken promises and an attempt to out deal the new deal.

"Those Democrats who supported the Republican Party in 1952 could not have foreseen the rapidity with which the promises that attracted them were to be shelved after inauguration day.

Long Nose of Federal Government

"For instance, we can recall in the campaign speech in New York in October, 1952, the Republican candidate for President promised, and I quote, 'We are dedicated to better education without letting the Federal government stick its long nose into local business.' Almost one of the first acts of the present administration was to have the Chief law enforcement officer, the Attorney General of the United States, stick the long nose of the Federal government into a law suit pending between the Commonwealth of Virginia and certain pupils in the public schools of Prince Edward County. * * *

"The Republicans in 1952 promised debt reduction and almost as soon as they took office, the Chief Executive demanded that Congress increase the national debt limit. He promised fiscal sanity. Then tried to win Congressional approval of an irresponsible bond selling scheme for highway construction with the added audacity of demanding that the bonds not be counted as a part of the debt of the United States of America. But for the valiant efforts of stalwart Democrats, that bond scheme would have been perpetrated upon the American people and the Eisenhower administration could claim a balanced budget. * * *

"In 1952, we were afraid of creeping socialism and I say to you this day of 1956 the socialistic trend, if anything, has been accelerated by the present administration. The Democrats were not out voted in 1952 — they were out promised. Today, however, fellow Democrats, we in Virginia and the nation have the Eisenhower record of three and one-half years in office on which to base our judgment next November.

"In my opinion, it is a record of broken promises. Let's take the promise to the farmers for an example. To a lot of farmers today, Benson is a fighting word, with the polls showing that the Secretary of Agriculture is about as popular with feed growers as an invasion of locusts, about as popular with cattlemen as the Bang's disease, as popular with the tobacco people as the blue mold and as popular with the peanut producers as the lifting of import quotas and discerning voters are not going to buy this Eisenhower farm program as a Benson program.

"It was President Eisenhower not the people themselves and the individual sovereign states.

"According to the Vice-President of these United States of America, the court that rendered that decision was headed by 'a great Republican Chief Justice.' I am sure that no one in the sound of my voice would want to dispute the claim of the Vice-President as to the political affiliation of the head of that court. Only recently in Virginia, we have seen in the press where another Republican judge entered an order on the same subject which was equally as obnoxious.

"My friends, we cannot afford to sit idly by and see the rights and privileges of our people gradually taken from them by an octopus-like arm of our government which is attempting by judicial decree to amend the Constitution and thus strike down constitutional government. Now is the time for men and women to stand upon principles that we know are right and just. * * *

"Here in Virginia, yes, and in all the Southland, we are faced with a great crisis. There are those who would have us to yield and sacrifice the principles upon which great country was founded because, as it appears now, we are faced with superior forces. * * *

"I have faith in the people of Virginia. I believe they have the intestinal fortitude, the love of freedom, the burning desire to maintain our way of life to such an extent that they will do whatever is necessary to maintain our rights and freedoms. Yes, our very way of life.

No Hope in Republican Party

"I say to you in all candor, there is no hope in the National Republican Party or those who are running the present administration. In 1952, we were led to believe that the present administration, if they were elected, would stand firm for states rights. Apparently, since the election of 1952, not a thought has been given to that campaign promise. The present Attorney General, upon the bidding of the Chief Executive, has done more, in my opinion, than any one man to bring about the crisis we are now facing. He intervened in the famous school case insisting and demanding that all of the past legal precedent be ignored and that the Supreme Court, in effect, amend the Constitution. It was he who appeared before the appropriate committees of the Congress urging those committees to report out legislation known as the so-called Civil Rights Bill. The name, of course, is a misnomer. It is anything but a Civil Rights Bill unless the depriving of individuals of their liberties and the states of their sovereignty is civil rights. * * The Republican leaders in the House who had charge of the civil rights legislation loudly shouted at the tops of their voices that the legislation not only had the blessing of the Chief Executive, but was introduced at his bidding and upon his urging. In my opinion, it is an effort on their part to influence certain minority segments of our society in utter disregard of the welfare of our people, regardless of the consequences to the liberties and freedoms that were wrought out for us by the sweat, blood and tears of those great patriots who have gone on before. * * * This legislation striked down the right of trial by jury. It does away with the sovereignty of our states. It takes from our individuals their right to be tried in the local courts. It sets up a small gestapo under the direction of an assistant attorney general who will be the political hatchet man of the administration in power. It allows our people to be dragged from the four corners of our country and brought before an agent of the Federal government without a charge being brought against them and without knowing who instigated the invest-

Secretary Benson who pledged 100 per cent of parity, and officially broke that campaign promise to the farmers early in 1954. * * *

"But what about the Eisenhower program of progressive moderation? This might well be used to describe small business under this Republican administration since small business is being progressively moderated right out of existence.

During the 1952 campaign, the candidate in a nation wide telecast expressed a deep concern for small business. 'I must say,' he told his television audience, 'I think in the long run we should be even more concerned about small business than big business, because big businesses were all small businesses at one time, that is certain.'

"Now today, it is also certain that big business has taken over this administration and left small business out in the cold. Official statistics of the Department of Commerce reveal the fact that small business profits are down to one-third of what they were under the Democrats, while the rate of business failures has doubled under the Eisenhower administration.

"Earlier this year, we had the frank admission from the Department of Commerce that a man starting his own business today has only a fifty-fifty chance of lasting two years. * * *

Balanced Budget Record

"We were promised a balanced budget and we hear the budget balancers boasting of a two billion surplus in the Treasury. At one and the same time, we see an alarmed group of Senators on the Armed Services Committee of the Senate listen to one Air Force General after another testify about the big cuts in the necessary fund for the proper protection and defense of our country. What they said, in effect, was that they had been denied the money which meant that the world's most powerful nation would soon have the world's second best Air Force. This came as quite a shock to those of us who had been assured by the present administration that the drastic cuts in our Armed Forces personnel would more than be made up by our overwhelmingly superior Air Force.

"I say to you that the budget has been balanced in spite of the administration, It was balanced because of (1) drastic cuts in defense appropriations; (2) the rapidly expanding economy of the country; and (3) a cut of over $2 billion made by the Democratic Congress in the budget request of Eisenhower. In other words, the present administration backed into a balanced budget for the time being, through no efforts of its own.

The Hope of The South

We come now to the question—wherein lies the hope of the South? The South is and has always been the backbone of the Democratic Party. And in turn, the Democratic Party has always been the home, the hope and the sanctuary of the South. It is true that not all Democrats agreed on all the issues within our party. In that respect, our political party differs from the British. In Britain, most issues are fought out between the two major parties but here in the United States, we debate issues within parties as well as between parties. I think that is helpful.

"It is true that are wide areas of disagreement between Democrats in the North and South. Southern statesmen are leaders in the Congress and leaders of important committees in the House and Senate. Upon the record of the parties as of today, I say to you in all candor and frankness that I believe it best to fight in the party caucuses for the principles that we believe in and know to be right whenever possible.

"In the coming months, we will hear a great deal about the necessity of a Republican Congress in order to carry out Ike's great program of progress.

"In 1952, the people gave to Ike all that he asked in the shape of the Republican 83rd Congress. Recently, we weer given the benefit of the inside story as to how that worked. The palace guard that surrounds President Eisenhower and that makes the decisions during the prolonged interregnums of his illnesses, decided that there should be an official biography to present Ike to the American people during the Fall election in the most favorable light possible. After careful deliberation, the biographer was selected. He was given access to all secret files, including top secret minutes of Cabinet meetings and those denied not only to the public but to Committees of the Congress.

"The book has recently been published. It tells from the inside how Ike liked the doings of the Republican 83rd Congress. He was so disgusted with its performance, says his official biographer, that he gave serious consideration to the formation of a third party and even went so far as to select the name of that party.

"But Republican orators will say that that won't happen anymore. The elephant has been made over into Ike's liberal image, and if Ike is again elected with a Republican Congress, we need not again fear that its conduct will cause a flare-up of ileitis.

"Do I understand that the good people of the Richmond area should retire Vaughan Gary from his important position on the Committee on Appropriations in order that Ike might raise our contribution to Marshall Tito and put all such programs on a permanent basis?

"Am I to understand that the people of Tidewater are to retire Ed Robeson to the shipping yards in order that we might carry out Ike's program to emasculate the Taft-Hartley Law?

"Is Burr Harrison to be returned to the Valley from his vital position on Ways and Means in order that we might carry out Ike's program of a permanent increase in the national debt by $15 billion, or applaud such new juggling acts with the nation's finances as setting up government corporations to issue bonds which would not be counted as part of the national debt, as was attempted in the $30 billion highway bond scheme?

"Is Pat Jennings to be returned to Southwest Virginia so Benson will be allowed to ride herd on the American farmer?

"Are the people of Piedmont and the Northern Neck to retire to pasture that most beloved and most respected of Congressmen in the United States, Judge Howard W. Smith, in order that Ike may clear through the Rules Committee his program for socialized housing?

"I read in the press of the nomination for Congress in the Norfolk area of a recent arrival of a new citizen whose total claim to fame seems be that on some occasion he gave up his home to Ike for a week-end of golfing. Are the good people of Norfolk and the 2nd District to be asked to retire Congressman Hardy who is doing such a great job in order that he may be succeeded by one who is so slavishly devoted to Ike that he will give up his home, our traditions and our principles to carry out his program?

"The simple truth is, and the record proves it, that the hope of good government lies in the election of a Democratic administration with a Democratic Congress dominated by men from the Southern States, men like Johnson and Rayburn as Majority Leaders! like Byrd of Virginia, Chairman of the vital committee on Finance; and Russell and Vinson of Georgia and Hardy of Virginia on Armed Services; Ellender of Louisiana and Pat Jennings of Virginia on Agriculture; Fulbright of Arkansas and Robertson of Virginia on Banking and Currency; George of Georgia and Richards of South Carolina on Foreign Relations; McClennan of Arkansas rather than McCarthy of Wisconsin as Chairman of the Committee on Government Operations; Eastland, Bill Tuck of Virginia on Judiciary; that great Southern statesman Graham Barden of North Carolina on Education and Labor; Murray of Tennessee and Robeson of Virginia on Post Office and Civil Service.

"These men will take what is good in any President's program. They have the capacity, the intelligence and the vision to enact it into law, but regardless of what President may recommend programs to destroy the solvency of the nation or to bring its agriculture to its knees or to emasculate its constitution, these great Southerners will stand as a stone wall as did Jackson and his men at Manassas and will again inspire the battle cry to "rally behind the Virginians."

County Line

County Line, July 31.- Some tobacco has been saved in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Overton spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Clark, of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Overton attended the meeting at Eagle Eyrie Tuesday.

The Rev. Joseph Darden, Mrs. Willard Clarke and children, Mrs. Chap Nash and daughter, Joyce, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Marshall last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall were home for a visit last week.

Mr. Shelby Tucker and family spent the day at Eagle Eyrie Saturday.

Recent visitors in the home of Vernie Jones were Rev. Joseph Darden, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harris, Carolyn Harris, Perlie Jones and Mrs. Emery Mullin.

Miss Joyce Irby spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Edd Simms.

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